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The Calgary Philatelic Society.

The meeting was called to order
at 8.30 Present at the meeting were
Mr. K. Hall, Dr. E. G. Mason, Dr. E. G.
Mason, Mr. D. C. Isabland and Mr. M. H. Lums.
Moved by E. G. Mason, and seconded by
Mr. Thomas that a Committee consisting of

Mr. K. Hall

Dr. E. G. Mason

Mr. D. C. Isabland

be appointed to prepare a Constitution
and Bylaws for the Society.

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in the
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Edward
George
Mason,
the
club
founder.



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THE LIFE AND TIMES OF A GENTLEMAN SCOUNDREL by Dale Speirs

Like many events that later hit the newspaper headlines, it began quietly enough. A telegraphic despatch to Ottawa from Terrabonne, Québec, stated that the wife of an Ottawa postal clerk, a Mrs. Hopper, had died in the company of her husband while travelling on a Québec train. The Ottawa newspapers investigated, but there was no Mrs. Hopper reported dead. Ten days later, on September 29, 1893, the matter suddenly became front-page news. John Reginald Hooper was on trial for his life.

John Hooper was born in 1859 at Port Hope, Ontario. He became a stamp collector in the 1870s, about the time the new hobby of philately was being born. His brother Joseph was also a philatelist but better known as a numismatist. After serving in the Canadian militia during the Second Riel rebellion of 1885, John moved to Ottawa and became an inside postal worker in 1887. He had married Georgina Malo in 1883, but in 1891 committed her to an insane asylum.

In the philatelic world, Hooper was very prominent. In 1887, he helped form the Canadian Philatelic Association. As a result of feuding, he left it in 1891 and formed a short-lived competitor called the Philatelic Society of Canada. Both organizations eventually became defunct. The Philatelic Society of Canada had an annual meeting scheduled for the third week of September 1893 in Montréal, approximately the same time and place that Mrs. Hooper met her death.

Organized philately was very young and ephemeral. The philatelic magazines came and went by the month. Most of them carried on feuds and printed libel that would leave a barrister speechless. Proxy wars and coups at club meetings were common. Into this mix Hooper fitted in perfectly, with enemies on both sides of the border. As an example, KISSINGER'S PHILATELIC POSTAL CARD, a frequent newszine published on postal cards out of Reading, Pennsylvania in the 1890s, wrote that Hooper was "... a sneak, a yellow dog, a snake in the grass ..." (and that was considered a mild remark). They had fun in those days.

In Ottawa society though, Hooper was well thought of. Despite his married life being punctuated by frequent and often public quarrels with his wife, he was considered an upright citizen. Besides his philatelic activities, he was involved in a number of groups such as the Oddfellows.



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It was said of Hooper that if he took a thing up, it never failed for lack of effort. He was a good-looking man with a handlebar mustache, and quite popular with the ladies. After his wife was sent to an insane asylum, he began courting at least two different young ladies, passing himself off as either a bachelor or a widower. It was this that led to the tragic events, as he wanted to be free of Georgina. Divorce from an insane spouse was not possible in those days, so he set his mind on murder.

On September 9, 1893, Hooper approached his supervisor, Mr. D. Matheson of the Savings Bank Branch of the post office, and asked for three weeks leave of absence. Hooper showed Matheson a telegram from St. Ambrose de Kildare, Québec, stating that his wife was seriously ill. The leave was granted and, as it turned out, became permanent. Hooper left for Kingston, Ontario, that evening, arriving the following day. Contrary to what the telegram reported, his wife was in fact at Rockwood Asylum in Kingston. He immediately took her out, telling the staff he was taking her to relatives who would look after her. The couple caught the steamer to Montréal and arrived on September 11. At this point, Mrs. Hooper temporarily drops out of sight. On that date, Hooper met a girlfriend, Miss Stapley, but said nothing about his wife.

September 12 was the first day of a strange series of events. Hooper appeared in the Québec town of Louisville. He approached several people and asked them if they had seen a crazy woman. Not finding her, he took the train back to Montréal, where he stayed the following day visiting Miss Stapeley. On that day, September 13, a bedraggled and soaking-wet Mrs. Hooper turned up in Louisville. Hysterical, she found her way to a house at two o'clock in the morning. She woke up the occupants and told them she had been thrown off a train by "a big, dark man". She was taken in and comforted. Later during the day, Hooper sent another telegram from Montréal asking if the crazy woman had been seen. The answer being yes, he came down on September 14. He told everyone his name was Cooper and that he was just looking after the crazy woman. He now added that the woman had jumped off the train as it went over a river trestle, leaving behind a suicide note. The couple returned to St. Ambrose de Kildare, and Georgina was left with her family.

Hooper spent the next day trying to get his wife into an asylum but was unsuccessful. He left for Montréal on Saturday, September 16. On Sunday he approached Dr. Charles E. Cameron, a fellow stamp collector whom he had first met through the Canadian Philatelic Association. Hooper asked Cameron for a dose of prussic acid to kill a large dog. Later that day, Hooper called on Miss Stapeley again and took her to evening church.

Monday, September 18, was the last day of Georgina's life. Having been tough enough to survive a fall off a railroad bridge into shallow water, she was too insane to suspect further trouble from her husband. Hooper came and got her, taking her on the train back to Montréal. On the way, he gave her a drink. She took ill and was taken off the train at Terra-bonne, where she died that night.

The next morning, Hooper took the body to Port Hope, arriving on September 21st. The body was immediately buried, and Hooper left for Montréal again. For the next three days the bereaved widower comforted himself by escorting Miss Stapley about town.

On September 25, a week after Georgina's death, he and Miss Stapeley left for Ottawa. The next day he went with her parents to the Ottawa Central Fair.

While this was going on, the railwaymen on the Montréal line had been talking among themselves about the unusual death and her husband's rather poor show of mourning. If Hooper was grieving for his dearly departed, he kept the grief well hidden, and displayed a callous attitude that had people gossiping. A reporter from the MONTREAL WITNESS heard rumours of what had happened, and began to investigate. What transpired was enough to justify police in issuing a warrant for Hooper's arrest on September 29.

Hooper went into a state of insanity, preventing the warrant from being served immediately. The insanity lasted until October 12, three days after he had been taken into jail. His insanity cured itself suddenly when it became obvious that he was going to stand trial no matter what. Some cynical people said he was shamming, but Hooper declared it was just the worry and fatigue of the events.

A coroner's inquest began at Port Hope on October 10 and, after testimony from railroad employees, was adjourned to October 20. The evidence was circumstantial at best, but Hooper made himself look suspicious by his constant misrepresentations. He had told his relatives that Georgina had died of cancer, but the autopsy failed to disclose any disease. He had also given false names to several people along the railroad line where Mrs. Hooper met her death.

It was learned that on September 28, Hooper went to a Dr. Cousens of Ottawa, just before he had left for Port Hope. Hooper asked for an order of prussic acid, saying he used it to clean stamps in his collection. This was apparently an attempt to build up an alibi to explain why he had bought the previous amount of prussic acid in Montréal. Here again, he only dug himself in deeper, since he had told Dr. Cameron in Montréal that the poison was for a dog. Before the inquest was finished, Hooper was taken into custody at Joliette, Québec, for his preliminary hearing. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of "death under suspicious circumstances" on October 24, after the preliminary hearing had already begun.

The hearing was a sensation not only among philatelists but with the general public, who packed the courtroom. The heat in the rooms caused more than one interruption of the hearing due to someone fainting. The result of the proceedings was that Hooper was committed to stand trial for murder.

Hooper was feeling the effects of his troubles on his wallet. He was a man who owned real estate, but the legal expenses were such that he sent a letter to the periodical EASTERN PHILATELIST begging for financial assistance from the stamp-collecting community.

"By this time probably you have seen or heard of the charge brought up against me, and I am now here preparing for my trial. I am innocent, and therefore am sure of honourable acquittal. But to prepare my defense I need funds, and I appeal to you, through your medium (the E.P.) to ask philatelists to give me assistance in order to secure a fair trial and justice to all."

The murder trial began January 3, 1894, in Joliette. The sensational case continued on for quite some time. Two of the star witnesses for the Crown Prosecutor had died since the preliminary hearing, but barristers were quite confident on both sides. The testimony of the trainmen was that they saw Hooper give his wife something to drink immediately before she took ill and died. But the evidence was ambiguous from all the witnesses and could be interpreted in a number of ways. On January 19, the jury went into seclusion. When it was announced they would give their verdict that night, bedlam erupted in the courtroom. Tables were removed from the room to make extra space, but even so a constable was caught in the crush while attempting to hold back onlookers, and was taken unconscious from the room. Doors were torn from their hinges and windows broken from the pressure of the crowd. The jury returned a verdict of innocent, and the crowd cheered.

Unfortunately Hooper was not a free man just yet. He was not released but instead charged a second time with murder. He had been acquitted of poisoning his wife but now faced a hearing for attempting to drown her. The preliminary hearing was at Trois-Rivières on January 31st. Hooper was unrepresented by counsel and defended himself. He was good at it, and several times weakened the Crown's case. But it was a lost cause, and on February 9, Judge Barthe sent Hooper to trial. Bail was applied for but refused.

On June 4, the second trial began. Interest in Hooper had not declined in the least despite all the lengthy legal proceedings and delays. Two hours before the courthouse was opened, the front steps were packed with people waiting to get in. The trial was shorter this time and on June 16 the jury declared Hooper guilty. Hooper was furious, and ranted at both judge and jury. But it was on June 21 that he arrived at the St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary. While doing his time there, he continued to publish articles in the philatelic press, both under his own name and under pseudonyms.

It may seem peculiar that he was acquitted of the actual murder, where witnesses saw him poison his wife, but was convicted of attempted murder, where no one saw him throw her off the train. It may be that the jury was reluctant to send him to the gallows but had no qualms about him doing time, where there was always the chance of a pardon. Indeed, after a series of appeals and requests for a pardon, Hooper was released in 1902.

His whereabouts are not known over the next few years, but in 1906 he was in Winnipeg. He is not listed in the 1919 HENDERSON'S DIRECTORY, so he must have left that city sometime in late 1918 or early 1919. During his time in Winnipeg, he published a stamp magazine called THE HOBBYIST, and remarried to Lucy Charlotte, maiden name unknown. She was Secretary-Treasurer of his publishing company. He also edited or wrote for a variety of non-philatelic periodicals such as WESTERN CANADA CONTRACTOR, RETAIL LUMBERMAN, CANADIAN LUMBERMAN, and WESTERN BUILDER. His participation in charities and benefit societies continued. He is mentioned in the WINNIPEG FREE PRESS of January 1, 1912, as having received a testimonial presentation at a dinner for his part in organizing the Veteran's Brigade. The records of the Western retail Lumbermen's Association were lost in the 1950s during the Winnipeg floods, but his time there is still preserved as the run of THE HOBBYIST from 1909 to 1913. On the title page he always listed himself as J.J. Hooper, not J.R. Hooper.

THE HOBBYIST was associated with an exchange club called, rather simply, The Hobby Club. Like most stamp exchanges at the time it operated under the guise of a non-profit club but was actually a commercial enterprise. The magazine was printed and published by O. Kendal of Winnipeg, who operated under the name of O.K. Press. He seems to have gone in with Hooper on a number of deals. Hooper's wife Lucy advertised in THE HOBBYIST as a stamp dealer, but this may have been a front for her husband.

The Hobby Club issued sets of labels to be used as seals on envelopes. There were two types that I know of, both of which were produced as booklet panes in horizontal format, with three rows of four stamps each. The first set had three designs as shown in the vertical strip at right; these were in various pastel colours with red and green predominating, and the print in B&W. On the left selvedge of the panes was text as follows:

"THE HOBBY CLUB STICKERS
10¢ per dozen sheets

Use them on your envelopes - they act as a seal - also decorative to parcels, letterheads, etc., and incidentally you are assisting a good cause.
THE HOBBY CLUB, Winnipeg, Canada"

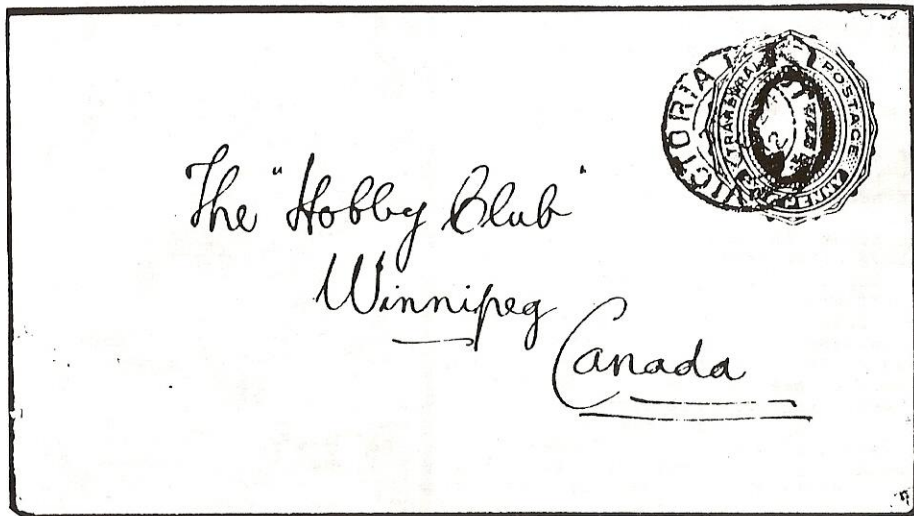
I don't own any labels from the second set, but I saw them on display at the 1990 BNAPS Spring Regional in Calgary, courtesy of Keith Spencer of Edmonton. These labels were issued 1910 and show one design only of the club logo, with black print on dark orange.

Undoubtedly the labels were printed by O. Kendall. I have come across his display ads circa the same time period in BOOKSELLER & STATIONER AND CANADIAN NEWSDEALER, a Toronto trade magazine published by the Booksellers' and Stationers' Association of Ontario. Elsewhere in this article is shown a copy of his ad for Photo Stamp Souvenirs, which were labels with views of towns (supplied by the customer). These were sold in horizontal booklet format. I've never seen them; can any reader advise? The display ad shown is from the May 1908 issue of B&S&CN.

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The cover shown below is addressed to the Hobby Club from an unknown member in Tranvaal, dated December 24, 1912. On the back it is sealed with one of the Hobby Club labels from the first issue.



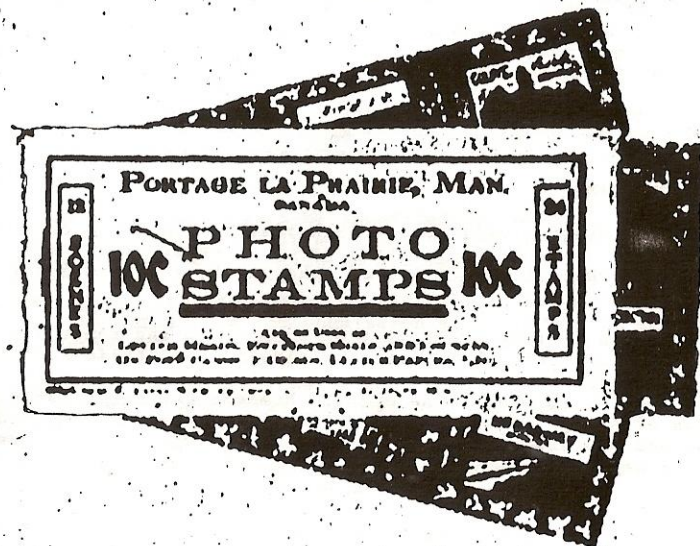
Hooper vanished from Winnipeg circa 1918/1919. His activities are unknown until he resurfaced in the USA in the 1930s, calling himself Col. Hooper and now a man of wealth. He is said to have visited Calgary in 1936 as part of a Grand Tour, but I find no mention of him in the archives of the Calgary Philatelic Society. Lucy is not mentioned in the philatelic journals of the day. Was she just ignored, as wives were in those days, or was Hooper a bachelor again? And if the latter, one immediately asks if she died of natural causes.

Because Hooper had dropped out of sight for two decades, philatelists did not connect him with the murderer of 1893. He was now a Grand Old Man, a snowy-bearded gent who was the president of the Pioneer Philatelic Phalanx. There were no dues or activities of the PPP; one became a member by declaring he had collected for more than fifty years. Hooper paid the minimal expenses of the organization, such as membership pins, out of his own pocket.

Hooper died in Los Angeles on May 30, 1944, at the age of 85. He is considered as one of the founders of organized philately in Canada, and was honoured on an ORAPEX commemorative cover.

Our advertisement in the April B. & S. brought us
in 22 orders for our

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O.K. Press "Made in Canada" Winnipeg

Getting away from Hooper for a moment, and looking at O. Kendall, I am curious to know how many sets of photo labels he printed. The ad says he had 62 orders from the first insertion and shows a booklet for Portage La Prairie. What other towns are so printed up? It may be that someone has published a learned article on this, and if so, I would appreciate the exact citation.

MEETING PROGRAMMES

As the April meeting will be the 75th year to the month of CPS's existence, we will have a birthday party to celebrate. Cake, a talk by the CPS Archivist, and a bit of yehawing by the more excitable amongst us.

May 6 is not a meeting night, but at 9 pm, stop and toast your fellow stamp collectors as part of Worldwide Philatelic Party #2.

The May meeting is the bourse night. Members can get a table for a donation of stamps (for a raffle). Wheel and deal to your heart's delight and pretend you're the next Stanley Gibbon. Table rentals can be booked from Jim Taylor; see him at the meetings.

BIG PHILATELIC LITERATURE SALE! by Penny Borrowman

We are all looking forward to the May meeting, Bourse night. Be sure to visit the Library table for the philatelic literature sale. Not since Bourse Night 1995 has such an array of printed material been made available. Prices are low, value is high; watch for one-of-a-kind items and out-of-print treasures. Take this opportunity to expand your personal library and stock up on rainy-day reading.

Are your bookshelves bulging with unwanted and unread dusty old books? Here's your chance to unload the whole mess and donate to a worthy cause! The club Library is currently accepting donations of philatelic material which may be added to the collection or sold. All proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase new material for the Library.

AUCTION RULES (EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1997)

The Wall Sale (silent auction) takes place on the first Wednesday of the month, and the Floor Sale (regular auction) on the third Wednesday, or as published in this bulletin. A maximum of 150 lots will be accepted for each sale.

1) Only Life members and paid-up members may submit material for sale, and must be present during and at the end of the sale to collect monies and unsold lots. CPS will not be responsible for any money or lots not collected. Uncollected lots will become the property of CPS.

2) A maximum of 10 lots may be submitted by any member. The bid sheet must be firmly attached to the lot with room on the left side for bids. Extra lots may be entered if the Sales Manager calls for them to make up the 150 lot total.

3) Floor Sale lots are to be submitted to the Sales Manager for numbering. There is a \$3 minimum reserve bid on each lot. A 15% commission will be collected on all sales, and 25¢ on each unsold lot.

4) Wall Sale lots are placed on the tables, and must have a minimum reserve bid of \$3. A 15% commission is collected on all sales, and each unsold lot is subject to a 25¢ charge.

5) Lots must be properly described (mint, used, full set, broken set, etc.) and must show catalogue name and year used. Any defects must be indicated.

6) Lots may only be returned by the purchaser on the night of the sale and only if they are not as described.

7) No used uncanceled Canadian stamps accepted for sale.

8) Pay-out to sellers will commence when the Sales Committee has balanced cash received against cash payable.

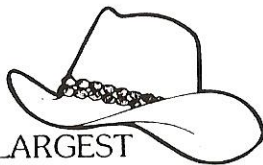
9) While buyers do not have to be members, they are encouraged to become members.

10) Buyers must remain until the end of the sale to pay for their purchases.

11) The Sales Committee will maintain proper records of each evening's transactions, and will turn in a full report to the Treasurer prior to the next sale.

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BNAPSERS HAVE TALK ENGRAVED IN THEIR MINDS

The Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Society meets second Wednesdays (except July and August) at the Museum of the Regiments. The Museum is just off Crowchild Trail and Flanders Avenue; enter at the south end of the building. Meetings start at 19h30, and after a brief business session go to a programme on some aspect of Canadian philately. After this, there is a show-and-tell, where members bring their latest acquisitions or some item related to the night's programme. The meeting then adjourns to a nearby coffee shop in Altadore where the talk may or may not be philatelic. It should be noted that despite the impressive sounding name of BNAPS, it is not a clique of millionaires collecting pence issues or stampless covers. If you collect modern Canada, you'll fit right in, as that is what the majority of Calgary BNAPSers collect.

The February 12, 1997, meeting of the Calgary group was on engraving, specifically the first-day covers engraved by Herbert Earle during the 1950s and 1960s, and published under the name of his company, Universal Engravers Ltd. He was a Calgarian, and UEL is still in existence under the name of Unicom Graphics. The programme was given by Jim Karr, who showed specimens of Earle's work. Assisting Jim in his presentation was Don Taylor of Unicom, who knew the engravers of yore and brought along samples of plates and printed products.

Herbert Earle was born in England, and apprenticed as an engraver with Waterlow & Sons, helping to engrave some of the Chinese stamps pre-WWI. Born in 1884, he came to Canada and bought a print shop in 1920, originally called The Engraving Company, and later changed to Universal Engraving. He retired in 1959 and died in 1975, leaving a wife and five daughters. Although he is known to stamp collectors for his FDC cachets, he was also quite the artist, being an oil painter. He was very active in the local theatre as a director and makeup artist, and did illuminated addresses for ceremonial occasions. Jim Karr spent some time at the Glenbow Institute researching the life of Herbert Earle and found much of his material preserved there. There are a number of collectors trying to get a complete set of UEL covers, which is not an easy task.

Don Taylor mentioned that engraving is dying out because it takes too much time. Earle probably spent about two or three days doing each FDC cachet. There was some discussion of what happened to the printing plates used to print the UEL cachets. It is believed that they were given to the late Kathleen Lane, but where they went after her death several years ago is unknown. Don brought along some sample books used by Unicom, and impressive they were. Printing technology has advanced incredibly over the past decade, with scanners, CD-ROMs, and digital printing. Don's sample book showed what could be done with holograms, foil printing, and embossing. One page had some embossed paperclips lying on it that were so realistic that one instinctively tried to pick them off the page! He mentioned that even as he was speaking, Unicom was doing a print job that had been transmitted by e-mail from the client and sent direct to the printing computer. There is a possibility that the Calgary BNAPSers will be able to tour the printing plant at a later date this year; details to follow.

FOUNDERS AWARD

At the December 1996 Christmas party, the Founders Award was presented for service to the CAS. The award this year went to Bob Hoffmann, who for many years operated the Private Treaty books, and more recently has been in charge of security for Stamp Day and CALTAPEX. Congratulations, Bob! The cumulative list of award winners is presented below. (From 1977 to 1979, it was used as a CALTAPEX award.)

1973 - Jim Sadler	1985/86 - Guy Boissonneault
1974 - Ken Ford	1986/87 - Dale Speirs
1975 - Tom Lemon	1987/88 - no award
1976 - Walter Jackson	1988/89 - Greg Lang
	1989/90 - Mike McPhail
1980/81 - Don Fraser	1990/91 - Doug Kollar
1981/82 - Keith Brown	1991/92 - Perry Holinshead
1982/83 - Al Munro	1992/93 - no award
1983/84 - Leanne Johnson	1993/94 - Penny Borrowman
1984/85 - John Jarabek	1994/95 - Ernie Bell
	1995/96 - Bob Hoffmann

HONOURARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDED

Also at the Christmas party was awarded an Honourary Life membership, which went to John Van Staden. This award is given for extended service to the CPS over a long period of time. It is not given for just having paid dues as an ordinary member for many years; one must have worked for the club. In the 75 years of the CPS, John is only the 25th person to receive this rare honour. Congratulations, John! The cumulative list of Honourary Life members is as follows.

1 - E.G. Mason	11 - John Jarabek	21 - Greg Sereda
2 - W.C. Black	12 - Bob Monilaws	22 - Jim Karr
3 - A.B. Harris	13 - Jack Cotton	23 - Al Munro
4 - W. Emslie	14 - Ed Harris	24 - Dale Speirs
5 - Sid Richardson	15 - Phil Wolf	25 - John Van Staden
6 - Alan Sorby	16 - Jim Taylor	26 - Don Wilson
7 - Harlow Hartney	17 - Walter Jackson	
8 - John Learmonth	18 - Jim Sadler	
9 - Ted Chiswell	19 - Bob Perry	
10 - Brien Horne	20 - Jon Johnson	

At the January 15, 1997, meeting, a Life membership was awarded to Don Wilson. He is best known for his years of service in the club shows, and has worked in many other capacities as well.

SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS

These ads will also appear on the CPS web page at no extra cost. These ads are free to paidup CPS members. Mail your ads to Dale Speirs, Box 6830, Calgary, T2P 2E7, or hand them to me at meetings. Next deadline is May 7 for the June bulletin.

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WANTED: Older Scott Specialty Series albums in used, decent condition. Phone Ron at 251-7460.

FOR SALE: Brand new Harris United States Liberty stamp album incl. 1994. Phone Agnes at 252-0007.

ARE YOU A TOPICAL COLLECTOR?
by Penny Borrowman

Last year our club became a chapter of the American Topical Association. We acquired all available handbooks, a subscription to the magazine, and the opportunity to keep up with new publications. We also have a couple of checklists and welcome donations of others. Already they are reminding us to renew our subscription! If we have 6 paidup individual members of the ATA in our club, renewal for the club is free.

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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS IN 1997

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	6		Worldwide Philatelic Party #2 at 21h00
	7		General meeting and bourse
	7		Deadline for June bulletin
	21		Auction
June	4		Election meeting
	18		Auction
August	2		Deadline for August bulletin
September	3		General meeting
	3		Deadline for October bulletin
	19 to 21		ROYAL 97 ROYALE
October	1		General meeting
	15		Auction
November	5		General meeting
	5		Deadline for January bulletin
	19		Auction
December	3		Christmas party

MEETINGS and AUCTIONS are at Kerby Centre, 2nd floor, 1133 - 7 Ave SW, at 730 pm. Auction lots should be in before 730 pm to allow bidder viewing.

SUNDAY BOURSE is at Rosscarrock Community Hall, 4411 - 10 Ave SW, from 10 am to 4 pm. Details from Mirko Zatka at 547-1435.

ROYAL 97 ROYALE is at the Coast Plaza Hotel (formerly Marlborough Inn), 1317 - 33 Street NE. Details from Hugh Delaney at 255-0422.

WORLDWIDE PHILATELIC PARTY #2 is on May 6 at 9 pm. Wherever you are at that time, raise a glass and toast your fellow philatelists around the world.

ARE YOU A TOPICAL COLLECTOR? (continued from page 15)

If you are an ATA member or know a club member who is, please call Penny at 686-2662 and leave your name and collecting interest. Please call, even if you gave your name at the last meeting. The first six respondents could win a valuable prize'.